

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 7, 8, 19-22, and 28-30 remain pending. In this Reply, Applicants have canceled claims 31 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Objections

In reply to the informalities cited by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action, Applicants have made the appropriate corrections to claims 7 and 28. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objections are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 7, 8, 19-22, and 28-30 are allowed. In view of Applicants' cancellation of withdrawn claims 31 and 32, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims should be indicated as allowable.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). A check in the

amount of \$450.00 in payment of the extension of time fee is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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